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FUNGUS ALTERNARIA ALTERANATA F.SP.
LANTANAE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

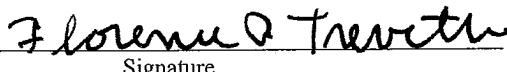
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A process for producing herbicides from the fungus Alternaria alternata f.sp. lantanae deposited as a pure culture as ITCC-4896, comprising culturing the fungus in a liquid broth; subjecting the broth to the step of filtration to separate the broth containing phytotoxins from mycelium; extracting the phytotoxins from said broth to obtain the phytotoxins; and subjecting the phytotoxins to chemical characterization.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the fungus is inoculated on a modified chemically defined growth medium modified liquid medium containing a nutrient source and grown for a period of 7 days.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process as claimed in claim 14, wherein the subjecting step is performed aseptically.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inoculum is inoculated into a liquid medium and growth is allowed for a period of 20 to 30 days under static conditions.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inoculum have a disc size of 3 to 12 mm.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The process as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inoculum have a disc size of 5 to 8 mm.